

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

APRIL 23, 1987

Honorable Frank Lautenberg
United States Senator
One Gateway Center
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

Thank you for your April 2, 1987, letter regarding the request of your constituent, Mr. Samuel Lowe, regulatory status of kitchen grease under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

As you probably are aware, household waste, including wastes from hotels, motels, restaurants, etc., are excluded from regulation under Subtitle C of RCRA. Thus, kitchen grease that would be used and generated by these establishments would not be subject to the Federal hazardous waste rules. Nevertheless, kitchen grease can be highly flammable and, thus, Mr. Lowe should be reminded of its potential hazard to ensure its proper management.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

J. Winston Porter
Assistant Administrator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 2, 1987

Mr. Gregg Ward
Director
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Congressional Affairs
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Ward:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received from Mr. Samuel Lowe concerning the classification of kitchen grease.

I would appreciate your providing me with any information you might have regarding this matter. Please respond to Adam Gordon at my Newark office on your findings.

Thank you for your attention to this case.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Lautenberg

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Enclosure

March 17, 1987

The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg
Court Plaza North
25 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Dear Senator Lautenberg,

The above company manufactures GREASE RECOVERY UNITS for restaurants, hotels, casinos, etc. and would like to know if kitchen grease is classified as a contaminant.

Is it possible to obtain this information from the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act or the EPA? Whom do we contact to receive this information?

We would certainly appreciate a reply.

Very truly yours,
LOWE ENGINEERING CO.

Samuel Lowe
Vice President